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1. No essential changes in the occupation were discernable during the period from April 1953 to June 1954.

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2. According to the strength reports by sources in Annex 1, the total of MVD troops in the uranium mining area in Saxony is estimated at between 8,000 and 10,000. This figure permits the assumption that one MVD regiment of 1,600 to 2,000 is stationed in each of the five main posts of Aue, Auerbach, Johanngeorgenstadt, Schwarzenberg and Annaberg. This assumption, however, is contradicted by the evaluation of motor vehicle [] according to which four units with 60 to 70 vehicles each were in existence and the units at Annaberg and Schwarzenberg belonged to one regiment (?). Independent MVD battalions, an organization of regiments into three battalions each, and other subordinations could not be determined. The equipment consists of light infantry weapons. With the exception of Annaberg where several armored scout cars are stationed, no heavy weapons were reported from the MVD kasernes. The mission of the MVD troops is still the guarding of German labor details and Soviet penal units and the escorting of uranium ore shipments from the mines to the USSR. No special border guard units have been observed along the Czech border during the period under review.

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3. It is still unknown from which forces the MVD troops are being activated or to which organization they are subordinated. By the end of World War II, regiments of the Security Troops of the Rear Area which had been activated from border guard troops in 1941, and Interior Troops, came to Germany with the First and Second White Russian Army Groups. In spite of the mixed composition of these troops, it is believed possible that these troops are subordinate to the main administration of guard troops for special installations within the MVD of the USSR. The appearance of motor vehicles of the MVD headquarters in Gruenz indicates that the MVD troops in the uranium mining area are also subordinate to this agency.
4. The observation of additional occupied installations and strength reports covering a prolonged period lead to the conclusion that the Soviet work force numbers approximately 7,000 men. A previous report gave an estimate of 4,000 men. These labor units, whose organization and subordination is unknown, definitely include several engineer, signal and motor transport units. The signal units may also belong to the MVD troops.

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6. The following Annexes are attached:

Annex 1: a list of occupied military installations



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List of Occupied Military Installations in the UraniumMining Area in Saxony

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A. Aue Area [redacted]

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- 1 Quarters west of the Aue Niederschlema railroad line (May 1953 to June 1954); occupied by about 500 men of a labor unit including about 25 officers (4 field-grade officers), 5 uniformed women, 2 or 3 sedans and 4 to 6 trucks [redacted] of the Wismut AG. 25X1
- 2 Quarters south of the Aue-Oberschlema highway (November 1953 to June 1954); occupied by an MVD unit of undetermined strength; one source reported 250 men, another source 1,500 men, 10 to 12 officers, 6 trucks, 1 jeep and 20 dogs; the unit furnished guard personnel with dogs for about 10 shafts and other Wismut installations.
- 3 Quarters south of Wildbach (May 1953 to February 1954); occupied by about 150 MVD men, 6 to 8 dogs and 2 trucks; vacant in May 1954; reconditioning work.
- 4 Barracks installation near Filzsch (November 1953 to June 1954); pinpoint location unknown; occupied by about 200 MVD men, including 8 officers.
- 5 New barracks installation (Hecker Factory) (April 1953 to June 1954); occupied by 400 to 800 men of a labor unit including 20 officers and about 50 women.
- 6 Small barracks installation (Wellner Factory) (April 1953 to May 1954); occupied by about 400 MVD men, presumably the regimental headquarters of the MVD regiment carried in the Aue area.
- 7 Main building (Hochhaus) Bruenlasberg (January 1954 to June 1954); occupied by 200 MVD men, apparently a higher MVD headquarters.
- 8 AAA emplacement northeast of Aue (May 1953 to June 1954); occupied by a battery of the 6th Gds AAA Div, including 4 x 76.2-mm AA guns and 1 machine gun, 3 officers, 65 men and 6 trucks.
- 9 Billets near Bechergut (October 1953 to May 1954); occupied by about 200 MVD men, 8 officers, 10 to 15 dogs, 4 trucks, 3 sedans; [redacted] 25X1
- 10 Billets northeast of the Aue-Niederschlema road (May 1953 to May 1954); occupied by about 250 MVD men, 10 to 12 dogs, 6 trucks, 3 sedans; [redacted] 25X1
- 11 Installation near the Niederschlema post office (September 1953 to May 1954); occupied by about 100 MVD men, 3 officers, 7 dogs, but no motor vehicles. The unit is presumably subordinate to that in the billets northeast of the Aue-Niederschlema road.
- 12 AAA emplacement near Alberoda (December 1953 to May 1954); occupied by a battery of the 6th Gds AAA Div with 6 x 37-mm AA guns, 2 or 3 officers, about 50 men and 2 trucks.
- 13 Komendatura at Aue.
- 14 and
- 15 Undetermined installations.

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B. Auerbach Area

- 1 Restricted Area I (December 1953 to June 1954); occupied by about 1,000 men of labor units: one third of the men apparently belonged to a construction engineer unit.
- 2 Restricted Area II (December 1953 to June 1954); occupied by 1,000 to 1,500 MVD men, about 50 officers including 3 colonel, 2 lieutenant colonels, and 2 majors, and a 30-piece band; presumably the 116th (?) MVD Regt.
- 3 Ammunition depot.

C. Johanngeorgenstadt Area

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- 1 Wendler Factory (Factory Heinz) (November 1953 to June 1954); occupied by about 1,500 men of labor units including about 50 officers including 1 colonel, 2 lieutenant colonels and 6 majors: one third of the men apparently belonged to a construction engineer unit.
- 2 Barracks installation on Rabenberg; presumably vacant.
- 3 Box furniture factory (November 1953 to June 1954); up to March, partly occupied by about 300 MVD men; evacuated in April and vacant in June.
- 4 Barracks installation west of the town hall (November 1953 to June 1954); occupied by about 1,500 MVD men, with about 60 officers including 2 colonels and 6 majors; presumably an MVD regiment.
- 5 Barracks installation at Shaft No 66 (November 1953 to June 1954); partly occupied by about 500 MVD men.
- 6 New barracks installation between Eichenstocker Strasse and Dimitroff Strasse; in November 1953, occupied by about 200 men, presumably of a motor transport unit of the Ministry AG; in June 1954, vacant.
- 7 Tschitscherow installation (October 1953); occupied by about 300 men of a labor unit.
- 8 AAA emplacement on Dimitroff Strasse (October 1953); occupied by a battery of the 6th Gds Air Div with 6 x 37-mm AA guns and about 70 men.
- 9 AAA emplacement on Steinhaendel (October 1953); presumably occupied by a battery of the 6th Gds Air Div with 6 x 37-mm AA guns.
- 10 Barracks installation southeast of Neelligut (October 1953); vacant.
- 11 Barracks installation east of Shaft No 126 (October 1953); occupied by about 150 MVD men with dogs which were employed for guard duty in Shaft No 126.
- 12 Barracks installation at Breitenbrunn (October 1953); occupied by about 700 men of a labor unit and 250 (?) MVD men.
- 13 Barracks installation at Tafelberg (Hill) (October 1953); occupied by about 150 MVD men.

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D. Schwarzenberg Area

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- 1 Barracks installation in the Kutscher Factory (November 1953 to June 1954); occupied by about 1,000 to 1,500 MVD men and about 80 officers (4 colonels, 2 lieutenant colonels and 6 majors).
- 2 Barracks installation in the Beierfeld Factory (October 1953); occupied by about 800 men of a labor unit, presumably the construction engineer unit.
- 3 Barracks installation south of Raschau (October 1953); occupied by about 150 MVD men.
- 4 Barracks installation south of Crandorf (October 1953); occupied by about 150 MVD men.
- 5 Barracks installation on Antonshoehe (October 1953); occupied by about 150 MVD men.
- 6 Barracks installation in Antonsthal; vacant (?).
- 7 AAA emplacement on Lehnberg (October 1953); occupied by a battery of the 6th Gdr AAA Div with 5 x 37-mm AA guns.

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E. Annaberg Area

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- 1 Barracks installation in Annaberg-Frohnau (October 1953 to June 1954); occupied by about 900 MVD men, presumably an MVD regiment which includes 80 to 150 officers (1 colonel), about 70 dogs, and 100 men of a penal company; furthermore, the installation housed specialists who were employed in the ore washing plant at Buchholz. The MVD unit furnished the guards for this Buchholz plant and for about 10 shafts in Frohnau.
- 2 Former boys' school (October 1953 to June 1954); occupied by 50 to 100 MVD men.
- 3 Barracks installation in the former Mehnert Factory (October 1953 to June 1954); occupied by about 1,000 men of labor units including about one third of an engineer unit (possibly engineer unit), about 100 officers, some of whom were stationed in other installations, 15 trucks and 4 to 6 dogs.
- 3a Depot and motor pool on Jungfernstieg (June 1954); occupied by about 15 trucks which belong to the units in the former Mehnert Factory.
- 3b Installation on Geyersdorfer Strasse (June 1954); occupied by the guard unit for the depot and motor pool on Jungfernstieg.
- 3c Villa on Park Strasse (June 1954); occupied by about 70 men of a signal unit with connections to the former Mehnert Factory.
- 3d Officers' billets east of Schumann Strasse (June 1954); occupied by about 170 officers with their dependents.
- 4 Barracks installation on Lenin Strasse (September 1953); vacant.
- 5 Barracks installation between Kleinrueckertswalder Strasse and Veigt Strasse (September 1953); vacant.
- 6 not mentioned.
- 7 Administration building and ration supply depot of the Wismut AG.

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- 8 MVD office
- 9 Installation near theater (August 1952):
occupied by an MVD unit of about 10 men.
- 10 MVD prison

No information is available on installations No 7 through 10.

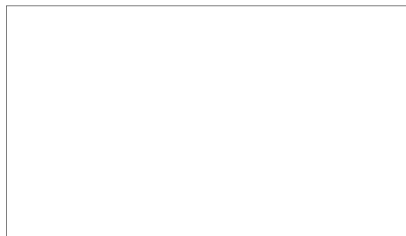
- 11 Installation on Zeppelin Strasse (December 1953 to June 1954);
consisted of a dwelling house which, after its evacuation in December 1953, was occupied by about 200 men who wore black epaulets and by 25 officers; presumably, an engineer unit without its own motor vehicles.
- 12 Agricultural school on Rathenau Strasse, formerly Koenig Albert Strasse (January 1954 to June 1954);
occupied by about 150 MVD men who were employed on guard duty in the Annaberg ore washing plant and 4 dogs.
- 13 Barracks installation at Baerenstein (up to June 1954) ; occupied by about 800 MVD men, about 60 officers and 12 dogs. The unit furnished the guards for the shafts in the Baerenstein-Niederschlag area.

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F. Chemnitz.

Western section of barracks installation on the north side of Lenin Strasse (1241) (May 1953 to November 1953);
occupied by 500 to 800 MVD men. No new information available on connections to the uranium mining area.

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